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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Members Present

Davis, M.D., Dan – UCSD/Mercy Air
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD
Dunford, M.D., Jim – City of San Diego
Glasser, M.D., Judd – Tri-City
Grad, M.D., Michele – Palomar/Pomerado
Harley, M.D., Jim – Children's
Kramer, M.D., Mark – Sharp Memorial
Linnik, M.D., Bill – Sharp Grossmont
Morikado, M.D., Lisa – Scripps La Jolla
Workman, R.N., Debi – Palomar College
Zahller, M.D., Steve – Scripps Mercy

County Staff Present

Gardina, R.N., Les
Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Pate, R.N., Rebecca
Stepanski, Barbara

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

Guests Present

Allington, R.N., Linda – Carlsbad Fire
Anderson, R.N., Marilyn – Vista Fire
Binley, Clark – Southwestern College
Broyles, R.N., Linda – Scripps La Jolla
Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy
Buono, M.D., Colleen – UCSD/Palomar
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Sharp Grossmont
Cerrone, R.N., Sharon – Mercy Air
Eldridge, R.N., Leslie – Sharp Memorial
Frederick, William – San Marcos Fire
Graham, Dan – S.D. Co. Ambulance Association
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont
Ochs, R.N., Ginger – San Diego Fire Rescue
Peavy, Jeremy – UCSD
Rainey, R.N., Susan – Tri-City
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial
Sallee, M.D., Don – Naval Medical Center San Diego
Seabloom, R.N., Lynne – Oceanside Fire
Smith, R.N., Susan – San Diego Fire Rescue
Steen, R.N., Pam – Mercy Air

I. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judd Glasser, M.D., Chair, brought the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Jim Harley, M.D., Seconded by Michele Grad, M.D., to approve the Minutes of November 21, 2006. MOTION carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

Alvarado Hospital: The sale has been completed and the hospital and medical staff are reported to be happy with the transition.

Paradise Valley: A separate group is trying to make an offer for the hospital, but it is unclear whether it will be considered by Adventist Health. There will be a public hearing by the Attorney General on January 25, 2007 to gather information and community opinion on the proposed sale.

STEMI Update: The STEMI system went into effect this date (January 16, 2007). The County is evaluating options for an EKG transmission system. A negative EKG should not affect treatment and monitoring. A summary letter sent out December 28, 2006 addressed operational issues.

Infectious Disease Exposures: Field providers report difficulty obtaining follow-up on some perceived exposures, some due to lack of clarity about contact or lack of coverage at the hospital. EMS will evaluate the information and see what is needed. Hospitals should review their response procedures for exposure of field personnel.

Norovirus: A note was sent out on norovirus with information about exposures, clinical symptoms, personal protective equipment and decontamination. This appears to be the cause for gastroenteritis outbreaks around the country. In San Diego there has been an uptick in gastroenteritis recently.

Flu Season: A light flu season so far with mostly Influenza A.

Capacity Study: The December hospital capacity report showed 43% of possible data reported. Several hospitals reported higher times holding patients for admission.

Psychiatric Care in the County: The Emergency Medical Oversight Committee (EMOC) had a very interesting discussion about psychiatric care in the County. The discussion included update on psychiatric facilities throughout the County as well as an overview on PERT (Psychiatric Emergency Response Team) which pairs law enforcement officers with a mental health clinician in the field. Code 5150's were discussed as well.

ALS Transports: The number of ALS transports increased slightly during the month of December, 2006. The number of bypasses increased quite a bit more over the previous month; however, for the entire year, not much change.

Public Health Officer Retirement: Originally Dr. Nancy Bowen's retirement date was anticipated to be May, 2007; however, her date of departure has been moved up to February, 2007.

IV. BASE HOSPITAL NURSE COORDINATOR'S REPORT (Linda Rosenberg R.N.)

The Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators will continue working on audits and will present them in the near future.

V. ROC UPDATE (Dan Davis, M.D.)

The final hurdles at this time are the indemnification agreements. Once they are finalized, the Hypertonic Saline trial can begin. An option will be developed to re-train all the paramedic crews. An EMS Operations Specialist will help in the field.

The community training has begun for the Cardiac Arrest trial. San Marcos Fire staff did well with the training and integrating it into their program. The American Hospital Association (AHA) lecture updates will be developed into a video format so it can be made available for the agencies and educators as well.

VI. POLICIES FOR REVIEW - (S-400, S-407 and S-414)

ACTION: Policies S-400, S-407 and S-414 were reviewed and some revisions and some further review was suggested in some areas of the policies.

VII. PROTOCOLS FOR REVIEW

ACTION: The following adult protocols were reviewed and discussed: S-122, S-123, S-126, S-127, S-134, S-136 and S-139.

ACTION: The following pediatric protocols were reviewed and discussed: S-161, S-162, S-163, S-165, and S-169.

**VIII. HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THREATS (HACOT)
(Jim Dunford, M.D.)**

No report.

**IX. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL
(Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)**

The next County-wide Disaster Drill is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, March 8-9, 2007 with the focus on a large-scale anthrax event. Some hospitals will be conducting full-scale drills.

X. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

ACTION: Place the discussion about Intraosseous Lines (I.O.'s) on the agenda for the next BSPC meeting of Tuesday, February 20, 2007.

XI. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2007, 11:00 a.m. at Sharp Spectrum Auditorium, 8695 Spectrum Center Court, Kearny Mesa, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary
County EMS